Founded in 1972, Dade Heritage Trust is Miami-Dade County’s largest preservation organization dedicated to preserving Miami’s architectural, environmental, and cultural heritage through preservation, education, and advocacy efforts.
About the Program

Historic Places, Green Spaces is a grant-funded field trip program created to acquaint K-12 students and educators with significant cultural, historical, and recreational spaces within urban Miami in the hopes of encouraging students to visit historic sites and become the conduit for knowledge to be passed on to their community. Dade Heritage Trust program educators facilitate tours of selected venues, provide historical information, and lead interactive activities to enhance the experience. Because this is a grant-funded program, we are pleased to provide this experience at NO COST to students or teachers.

During every field trip experience, students will:

- Receive an interactive tour
- Learn about the history and heritage of Miami through standards-based lesson plans featuring both skill- and play-based learning
- Connect with urban green spaces
- Develop a mutual understanding and appreciation for Miami
- Enjoy lunch (not provided by DHT)

Bus Scholarships: We offer a limited number of bus scholarships to Miami Dade County Title 1 schools. Scholarships are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis and are subject to guided tour and bus availability. For more information contact education@dadeheritagetrust.org or 305-358-9572.

To schedule a program for your class, please complete the Tour Request Form found on our website, and submit your request to education@dadeheritagetrust.org.
CURRICULUM GUIDE

Pioneer Diaries
City of Miami’s Lummus Park
Grades: K-12

Description:

The City of Miami’s Lummus Park is home to two historic buildings: the William Wagner Homestead and the Fort Dallas longhouse. Fort Dallas was built in 1844 initially as a slave house for a large plantation before it was moved to its current location in 1925. It’s also remembered today for the role it played during the Seminole Wars and for being at the center of an evolving city. Built in 1855 by one of Miami’s earliest pioneer settlers, the William Wagner Homestead is the only known house that remains from the early days of settlement along the Miami River. Through skill- and play-based learning, students will learn about early settlement in Miami and why it’s important to preserve our city’s history.

Site:  City of Miami’s Lummus Park
404 NW 3rd St
Miami, FL 33128

Duration: 2 hours (includes 30 min. lunch)

Aligned Standards:


**9TH-12TH GRADE:** SS.912.S.1.6, SS.912.S.7.6, SS.912.A.2.7, SS.912.A.3.13, SS.912.A.4.11, LAFS.1112.RH.3.7
Biscayne Bay Exhibit
Historic Office of Dr. James Jackson
Grades: K-12

Description:
Biscayne National Park is the largest marine park in the country. It preserves portions of the Florida Reef, the mangrove shoreline, and several barrier islands. The history of settlement along the Bay is filled with stories about a sleepy Southern town with key lime and pineapple groves and small shack houses on stilts. Then came the economic boom which drastically altered the landscape and historic flow of freshwater to the Bay. Students will receive a tour of our new Biscayne Bay exhibit located inside the historic surgical office and clinic of Dr. James Jackson—one of Miami’s first doctors—that now serves as a gallery space as well as the official headquarters of DHT. The interactive exhibit in our gallery features images, text, and artifacts that discuss the story, current state, and future of Biscayne Bay. To compliment this content, students will walk across the street to see the Bay and learn about the science of water quality. This lesson is a collaboration between DHT and Miami Waterkeeper—a South Florida environmental group that advocates for clean and safe water.

Site:  Historic Office of Dr. James Jackson  
(Dade Heritage Trust)
190 SE 12th Terrace
Miami, FL 33131

Duration: 1.5 hours (includes 30 min. lunch)

Aligned Standards:


**4TH-5TH GRADE:** SC.4.N.1.5, SC.4.N.1.6, SC.4.N.1.7, SC.5.N.1.1, SC.5.N.1.6, SC.5.N.2.1, SC.5.N.2.2


**9TH-12TH GRADE:** SC.912.N.1.2, SC.912.N.1.5, SC.912.N.1.6
A Naturalist’s Paradise
Historic Simpson Park Hammock
Grades: K-12

Description:
A hardwood hammock is an elevated, dense forest with a variety of broad-leaved and hardwood trees including the gumbo limbo, strangler fig, wild coffee, and many more tropical plants native to South Florida and parts of the Caribbean. At roughly 8 acres, Simpson Park Hammock was once part of a large coastal hammock that extended all along Biscayne Bay. It was named after a self-taught naturalist and tropical plant enthusiast Charles Torrey Simpson, who strongly advocated for preserving South Florida’s native landscape. In 2018, the park was designated an old-growth forest given its historical and environmental significance—protecting it from future development. Students will explore the trails and understand the importance and benefits of preserving urban forests through various interactive activities.

Site: Historic Simpson Park Hammock
5 SW 17 Road
Miami, FL 33129

Duration: 2 hours (includes 30 min. lunch)

Aligned Standards:


**6TH-12TH GRADE:** SC.6.E.7.6, MAFS.6.EE.2.6, SC.7.E.6.6, MAFS.7.G.2.4, SC.8.L.18.1, MAFS.K12.MP.4.1
Booking Your School Group Experience

How to Register

- Read the curriculum guide and select the program that best suits your class.
- Complete the Tour Request Form found on our website. Submit your request to education@dadeheritagetrust.org or 305-358-9572. This form must be fully completed to process your reservation. Reservation requests are not confirmed until you receive a Confirmation Form from Dade Heritage Trust.

Bus Scholarship Fund

- Dade Heritage Trust is pleased to offer a limited number of bus transportation scholarships to Miami-Dade County public and charter schools. Scholarships are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis and are subject to guided tour and bus availability. Contact education@dadeheritagetrust.org if you have any questions.

Policies and Procedures

- You must complete the Tour Request Form a minimum of three weeks before your requested visit date.
- Groups must arrive 10-15 minutes prior to their scheduled tour to ensure that students experience the entire program. Groups that do not arrive on time may forfeit their scheduled itinerary.
- In the event that a scheduled group is unable to visit, all reservations must be cancelled with the School Programs Manager as soon as possible. To cancel contact education@dadeheritagetrust.org or 305-358-9572.
- A minimum notice of 14 days is required to increase the number of students after the confirmation has been processed.
- A minimum notice of 14 days is required if you wish to change confirmed reservation date after the confirmation has been processed.
- Reserved tours take place rain or shine in most cases. In the event of a hurricane or tropical storm, we can reschedule the trip to a later date.
- We recommend comfortable shoes, casual clothing, sunscreen, bug spray, and plenty of water given that some of the program takes place outdoors.
- Teachers and chaperones must supervise students at all times in all areas of the park.
- There must be 1 chaperone for every 10 students.
- If at any time DHT educators witness behavior that puts at risk the group, other visitors, or the site, the group may be asked to leave the premises and forfeit the remainder of its visit.
Accessibility

- Although most site visit areas are physically accessible, not all areas support visual or hearing impairments. During the registration process please make the School Programs Manager aware of any special needs your group may have.

- To request materials in accessible format, sign language interpreters, and/or any accommodation, please contact the School Programs Manager a minimum of 14 calendar days in advance of your visit to initiate your request: education@dadeheritagetrust.org or 305-358-9572.

Bags & Backpacks

- Dade Heritage Trust does not have a bag check or bag storage area. Students must leave all book bags and backpacks at school or on the bus.

Lunch

- Dade Heritage Trust is not responsible for providing lunch. Students must bring their own lunch if the teacher decides to have lunch on site.

- Students, teachers, and chaperones are responsible for cleaning up and disposing of trash appropriately.